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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit News: Legislators grapple with court decision on parole for juvenile lifers

".....Meanwhile, the Michigan Supreme Court agreed to take up three prisoner cases and consider whether Michigan lifers convicted as juveniles should be entitled to parole hearings. It is likely to rule in the summer."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit News: Father of slain Oak Park officer says Supreme Court ruling reopens wounds

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Bridge Magazine: Michigan rivers polluted by human, animal waste more than double previous estimates

"Pathogen pollution in Michigan's lakes and rivers – caused by human and animal waste draining into surface waters – is far more widespread than previously documented, according to new state data.....While Michigan lacks a statewide code, local governments cannot ignore leaky septic tanks threatening water quality. In a 2012 case that pitted the DEQ against Worth Township in Sanilac County, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that municipalities are obliged to address sewage spills that cause water pollution."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Benefit for metro area foster children scheduled for April 12

"On Saturday, April 12, an organization which provided services to more than 500 foster children, foster families, and teens aging out of the foster care system in 2013 will hold its annual fundraising gala at the Roostertail."

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Follow the Leader/Dowagiac: Questionnaire in works for Cass courthouse restoration

"The group of local men and women devoted to saving the century-old courthouse in downtown Cassopolis will be collecting public input about the project over the next several weeks."

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Jackson County Legal News: JCBA sponsors historic courthouse tour

"About 35 people—mostly young attorneys and those new to Jackson County —got a first-hand look at the historic Jackson County Courthouse last week."

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Traverse City Record-Eagle: Judge to revisit murder

"A judge is set to reconsider a prison sentence for the man who killed Traverse City teen Carly Lewis.....Rodgers' colleague Thomas Power originally sentenced Schwander to a minimum of 40 years in prison, twice what's called for in state sentencing guidelines. But a series of Michigan Court of Appeals decisions eventually vacated the sentence, and appellate judges ruled Power failed to justify the "extent" of the sentence's departure from state guidelines."

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Washtenaw County Legal News: Conlin announces candidacy for Circuit judge

"Attorney Pat Conlin has announced that he is running for the Washtenaw County Circuit Court seat being vacated by Judge Donald Shelton."

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